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SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE RAIL TRAFFIC TO ZAMBIA VIA RHODESIA RESUMES

1. INCONSPICUOUS NOTICE FROM MOZAMBIQUE RAILWAYS IN NOTICIAS OF MARCH 19 STATES THAT TRAFFIC FOR ZAMBIA VIA RHODESIA RAILWAYS IS AGAIN BEING ACCEPTED, THOUGH LARGE CONSIGNMENTS TO ZAIRE OR ZAMBIA REQUIRE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT FROM RHODESIA RAILWAYS.

2. RAILWAYS SPOKESMAN EXTREMELY CAGEY ON SUBJECT, BUT SAYS TRAFFIC TO ZAMBIA HAS BEEN MOVING SINCE MARCH 15, FROM BOTH BEIRA AND LOURENCO MARQUES, AND THAT ALL KINDS OF CARGO HELD UP IN THESE PORTS IS NOW MOVING ON. MOZAMBIQUE RAILWAYS  
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RESUMED ACCEPTING CARGO ON ADVICE FROM RHODESIA RAILWAYS.  
TRAFFIC TO DATE VIRTUALLY ALL IN MOZAMBIQUE- ZAMBIA DIRECTION.

SPOKESMAN REFUSED, HOWEVER, TO SPECULATE AS YET AS TO VOLUME INVOLVED.

3. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE HAS HEARD THAT TRAFFIC RESUMED ABOUT END OF LAST WEEK, BUT PRIMARILY IN FORM OF SMALL, EASY- TO- HANDLE ITEMS SUCH AS SACKS OF FOOD, AND THAT ZAMBIAN IMPORTERS APPARENTLY STILL WARY OF TRUSTING REOPENED ROUTE. HE SUSPECTS THAT SOME OF PREVIOUS SHIPMENTS NOMINALLY CONSIGNED TO ZAIRE THROUGH ZAMBIA WERE IN FACT DROPPED OFF IN ZAMBIA.

4. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM PERHAPS PREMATURE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS MARKS BEGINNING OF END FOR ZAMBIAN BOYCOTT OF RHODESIAN RAILWAYS, TWO OTHER ALTERNATIVES OCCUR TO US. ZAMBIA MAY SIMPLY BE HOPING TO CLEAR, UNOBTRUSIVELY, IMPORTS STUCK IN MOZAMBIQUE WHEN BORDER CLOSURE BEGAN, AS IT PREVIOUSLY DID IMPORTS STUCK INSIDE RHODESIA. BOTH MOZAMBIQUE AND RHODESIA CAN BE COUNTED ON TO ENCOURAGE ANY WEAKENING IN ZAMBIAN BOYCOTT, EVEN IF MORE OR LESS COVERT. OR PERHAPS RHODESIA IS SEEKING TEMPT ZAMBIA INTO FURTHER LEAKS BY ALLOWING GOODS TO PILE UP AGAIN ON RHODESIAN SIDE OF FRONTIER.  
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